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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9579

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: CABINET RESHUFFLE MAY BE IMMINENT

1. EMBASSY HAS IT FROM SEVERAL GOOD SOURCES THAT MAJOR CABINET CHANGES WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED, PROBABLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED SEPTEMBER 13TH. OUR SOURCES CLAIM THAT UP TO SEVEN OR EIGHT NEW MINISTERS WILL BE APPOINTED AND THAT A GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION PLAN MAY BE ANNOUNCED. REORGANIZATION IS ALLEGED TO INCLUDE THE JOINING OF MINAG TO MINISTRY OF LAND AND SETTLEMENT AND DISMANTLING OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL BE SUBSUMED BY OTHER MINISTRIES.

2. SINCE THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION, FIVE MINISTRIES ARE BEING RUN BY PERMANENT SECRETARIES, VIZ. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED, FINANCE, INFORMATION, AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. FURTHERMORE, THE PERMSEC IN MINAG IS A TEMPORARY APPOINTEE (BECAUSE OF THE DEFECTION OF FORMER PERMSEC HENOK KIFLE) AND THERE IS NO OFFICIAL PERMSEC IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THESE SEEM LIKELY AREAS FOR NEW APPOINTMENTS.

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3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN HEARING RUMORS ABOUT  
CABINET CHANGES AND REORGANIZATION RIGHT ALONG. NONETHELESS,  
REPORTS APPEAR STRONGER THIS TIME, KEY VACANCIES DO EXIST,  
AND TIMING IS RIGHT WITH REVOLUTION DAY JUST AROUND THE  
CORNER.  
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